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In re application of: Marinus Antonius Leonarda VAN HECK
Serial No.: 09/955,471 Group No.: 1733
Filed: September 18, 2001 Examiner:
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CONNECTING THE END OF A FLATTENED TUBE OF
PLASTIC FOIL TO THE BEGINNING OF A SUBSEQUENT TUBE

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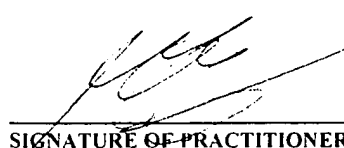
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

01/31/2002 MWOLDER1 00000102 120425 09/955-471

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

01 Filing Date 710.00 US
02 Filing Date 100.00 US

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

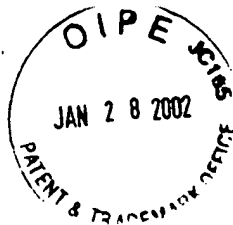
- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

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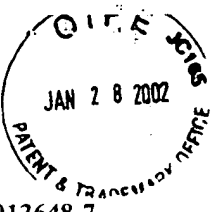
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COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS
-- NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

(check and complete this item, if applicable)

I. This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) or Notice of Informal Application mailed October 23, 2001.

NOTE: If these papers are filed before the office letter issues, adequate identification of the original papers should be made, e.g., in addition to the name of the inventor and title of invention, the filing date based on the "Express Mail" procedure, the serial number from the return post card or the attorney's docket number added.

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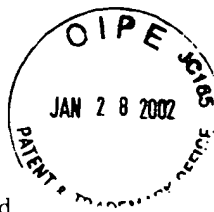
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NOTE: The PTO requires that a copy of Form PTO-1533 be returned with the response to the notice to file missing parts to the application.

DECLARATION OR OATH

II. (a) ☒ No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

NOTE: If the correct inventor or inventors are not named on filing a nonprovisional application under Section 1.53(b) without an executed oath or declaration under Section 1.63, the later submission of an executed oath or declaration under Section 1.63 during the pendency of the application will act to correct the earlier identification of inventorship. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.48(f)(1).

OR

(b) ☐ The declaration or oath that was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

NOTE: For surcharge fee for filing declaration after filing date complete item VI(3) below.

NOTE: "The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed after the filing date are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63:

- (A) application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456);
- (B) serial number and filing date;
- (C) attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;
- (D) title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or
- (E) title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration.

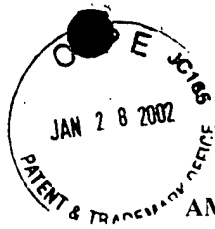
M.P.E.P. Section 601.01(a), 7th ed.

NOTE: Another minimum found acceptable in the declaration is the filing date (i.e., date of express mail) and the express mail number, useful where the serial number is not yet known. But note the practice where the express mail deposit is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday within the District of Columbia. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10(c).

(complete as applicable)

Attached is a

- (c) ☐ Statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application that the inventor executed by signing the declaration.
- (d) ☐ Statement that the "attached" specification is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto that were filed in the PTO to obtain the filing date.
- (e) ☐ Statement that substitute specification contains no new matter.
- (f) ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- (g) ☒ Transmittal of Formal Drawing(s) Prior to Notice of Allowance
- (h) ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy, and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence



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AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

- III. ☐ Cancel claims _____ inclusive.

**TRANSMITTAL OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION
OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS**

- IV. ☐ Submitted herewith is an English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. Also submitted herewith is a statement by the translator of the accuracy of the translation. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO.

NOTE: For fee processing a non-English application, complete item VI(5) below.

NOTE: A non-English oath or declaration in the form provided or approved by the PTO need not be translated. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.69(b).

NOTE: The translation for a regular application filed in a foreign language must be verified. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.52(d).

SMALL ENTITY STATUS

- V. ☐ A statement that this filing is by a small entity
(check and complete applicable items)
- ☐ is attached.
- ☐ A separate refund request accompanies this paper.
- ☐ was filed on _____ (original).

COMPLETION FEES

VI.

WARNING: Failure to submit the surcharge fees where required will cause the application to become abandoned. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53.

NOTE: For effect on fees of failure to establish status, or change status, as a small entity, see 37 C.F.R. Section 1.28(a).

1. Filing fee

- ☒ original patent application
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a)--\$740.00; small entity--\$370) \$ 710.00
- ☐ design application
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(f)--\$330; small entity--\$165) \$ _____

2. Fees for claims

- ☐ each independent claim in excess of 3
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)--\$84; small entity--\$42) \$ _____
- ☐ each claim in excess of 20
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(c)--\$18; small entity--\$9) \$ _____
- ☐ multiple dependent claim(s)
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(d)--\$280; small entity--\$140) \$ _____

3. Surcharge fees

- ☒ late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e)--\$130; small entity--\$65) \$ 130.00

NOTE: Even where a facsimile declaration or oath signed by the inventor(s) was part of the originally filed papers, the surcharge fee is required.

NOTE: If both the filing fee and declaration or oath were missing from the original papers, the Office practice under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e) is that only one surcharge fee need be paid whether the later filed oath or declaration and/or the filing fee are submitted afterwards at the same time or at different times.

4. ☐ Petition and fee for filing by other than
all the inventors or a person not the inventor
(37 C.F.R. Sections 1.17(i) and 1.47--\$130) \$ _____
5. ☐ Fee for processing an application filed with
a specification in a non-English language
(37 C.F.R. Sections 1.17(k) and 1.52(d)--\$130) \$ _____
6. ☐ Fee for processing and retention of application
(37 C.F.R. Sections 1.21(l) and 1.53(d)--\$130) \$ _____

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(l) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application which is abandoned for failing to complete the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(f) and this, as well as, the changes to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53 and 1.78 indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either the basic filing fee or the processing and retention fee of Section 1.21(l) within 1 year of notification under Section 1.53(f) must be paid.

7. ☐ Assignment (See "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET") \$ _____

Total completion fees

\$ 840



EXTENSION OF TIME

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VII.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00

Fee \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE DUE

VIII.

The total fee due is

Completion fee(s) \$ 840.00
Extension fee (if any) \$ _____

Total Fee Due \$ 840.00



PAYMENT OF FEES

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IX.

- ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 840.00.
- ☐ Charge Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____.
A duplicate of this request is attached.

NOTE: Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.22(b).

Please charge Account No. 12-0425 for any fees which may be due by this paper.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

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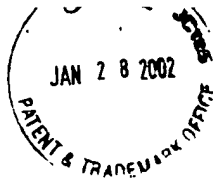
WARNING: Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges if extra claims are authorized.

NOTE: "Amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested within a reasonable time, nor will the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 C.F.R. Section 1.26(a).

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the pendency of this application to Account No. 12-0425
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims canceled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.

- ☒ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to Section 1.136(a)).
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17 (application processing fees)



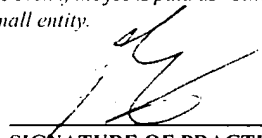
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☒ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.311(b))

NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.311(b).

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying . . . issue fee . . ." From the wording of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.



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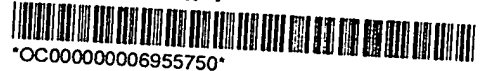
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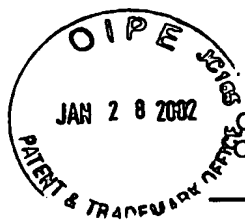
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Method and device for connecting the end of a flattened tube of plastic foil to the beginning of a subsequent tube

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

1. Attached is a copy of the official filing receipt received from the PTO in the above application for which issuance of a corrected filing receipt is respectfully requested.

2. There is an error with respect to the following data, which is:

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